

To whom it may concern:

I am a teacher at T.R. Smedberg Middle School, a public school within the Elk Grove Unified School District. I have been teaching 22 years. I have a few suggestions regarding the upcoming framework. These suggestions refer to uniforming the term used for the indigenous peoples of the Americas. The frameworks, as presented, uses interchangeably the terms Indian, American Indian, Indian populations, Native Indian, Native American, and indigenous peoples. I strongly urge you to unify the names to present one front. Representatives of the California Indian Education Association or the National Indian Education Association would be in a better position to decide which name is most appropriate, but I feel that one name would be better accepted by our population and uniformity would provide a platform that shows your organization in the strongest light.

Specifically, in chapter 11, the following pages and line numbers use different terms:

- The following pages and lines use "American Indian":
- p. 298, lines 1390 & 1406
- The following page use "Indian" (like from India):
- p. 302, line 1428
- The following pages use "Native American":
- p. 294, line 1304; p. 297, line 1372
- The following page uses "Indian population":
- p. 295, line 1328

Additionally, in chapter 12, the following pages and line numbers are inconsistent:

- The following pages use "Indians" (like from India):
- p. 317, line 111; p. 356, line 590 (also, 'Removal of Indians' makes the indigenous peoples sound like pest which have to be 'removed' - not a good connotation!)
- The following page use "Native Americans":
- p. 345, lines 563-564
- The following pages use the term "American Indian" or "American Indians":
- p. 317, line 112
- p. 326, line 315
- p. 327, line 329
- p. 345, lines 551-552
- p. 346, line 583
- p. 363, lines 931, 932-933, and 935
- The following page uses the term "indigenous":
- p. 345, line 554

I humbly present for your consideration my editing comments to the California State Frameworks for uniformity of the term(s) for the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas.

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